

# THE LIONS CLUB OF DAMASCUS

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## SCHOLARSHIP GENERAL INFORMATION

The Damascus Lions Foundation, Damascus, Maryland announces the Vernon R. Simpson Scholarship program for the school year 2015-2016. Scholarships in the amount of \$ 1,500.00 each will be awarded in the Spring 2016.

To be eligible for consideration, an applicant:

- Must be a graduating senior who will attend an accredited postsecondary academic institution, accredited vocational, trade or business school (minimum 2 year program) full time.
- Must present a complete application package. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**
- Must **live** in the Damascus/Clarksburg school cluster.
- May not be a dependent of a member of the Damascus Lions Club.

Applicants will be evaluated on community service, leadership potential in high school and non-school activities, character, volunteerism & work experience. The decision of the scholarship committee will be final.

The following information must be submitted by March 23, 2016 by mail to:

Scholarship Committee, Damascus Lions Club  
Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, Scholarship Chairman,  
P.O. Box 267, Damascus MD 20872

1. A completed Application for Scholarship Grant (attached).
2. A High School Academic Transcript, including total number of community service learning hours, certified by school registrar.
3. Two (2) letters of recommendations. One recommendation should be from a teacher/instructor using the attached guidelines, NOT a relative; one letter from people who know of your character and community service involvement such as members of community organizations or clubs.
4. A brief original essay (2 page double spaced) by the applicant that addresses how they have or will work toward the Mission of the Lions Club, which is: To serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs locally and worldwide, encourage peace and promote international understanding.
5. Attach resume that includes academic honors or awards, extra-curricular activities (including leadership roles), community service and employment.

The successful recipients of the scholarships will be announced at the School Awards Ceremony and the Damascus Lions Youth Night.

The scholarship grant will be sent to the recipients in July 2016 payable to the college or institution the recipient will be attending.

**All scholarship decisions are at the sole discretion of the Damascus Lions scholarship award committee.**